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Minute Book. II

Students Executive Committee

Commenced. March 1912.

(Continued from previous book.)^{*}

1912 — to 1925

* 1st book missing by 1972

Meeting of S. E. C. held March 23rd 1912
at 13 Chilworth Street -

Present. Misses Kitching - Lox - Evans - Davis -
Franklin - Bishop Gray -

1. The Minutes of last Meeting were read.
2. Arrangements for the Annual Meeting to be held in the summer were discussed - and various suggestions were offered. and it was decided that the Secretary should write to Mrs. Franklin and ask whether she would be willing to invite us to Porchester Terrace as she did in 1910. Various dates were suggested & finally the choice lay between July 17th & 20th as it was thought that there would be ^{the} chance of "present Students" being able to come on their way down from Scale How. (Mrs. Franklin most cordially agreed to our suggestions and said she would be most pleased to invite Students there on July 17th - 3.30 - 6.30 and also to give us a short address after tea. L.P.)
3. A discussion followed as to whether papers

by non-students should be published in the Plant. The general feeling seemed to be that the Plant should be entirely composed of articles etc written by Students: but the Editor was given a free hand as to how she should fill up the 32 pages if at any time she had not sufficient matter in hand; - but that anything so inserted should be clearly ~~so~~ notified.

4. The Winchester Programme was discussed - but there was no business to be transacted in connection with this.

* It was also suggested that for 6 months there should be a page of "Exchange & Trade" in the Magazine - to see whether such a means of advertising would help Students in procuring what might be useful to them in exchange for things they might be willing to part with. Miss Lox promised to put a notice in the next Plant setting forth this suggestion.

M. W. Kitching.

Nov. 16th /12

Meeting of the S. F. C. held Nov 16th at 3:30
at 31 Seymour House - Compton St.

Present Mr. Hughes Jones. Misses Kitching - Wix -
Evans. Davis. ~~See~~ Franklin Gray.

1. The minutes of last meeting were read.
2. As it has been decided to wait until 1914 before holding the next Student Conference - it was thought that it would be a good thing to arrange for a Students' Day at the end of the P. N. S. C. Conference to be held at the Portman rooms next May. May 10th was suggested as being a likely date - and lessons & discussions in the morning and a conversation in the afternoon were brought forward as a general plan for the day. Though details are to be left to be arranged later on.
3. Letters of resignation were read from Misses Owen Bishop - whose work takes them away from town. Misses Judd & Chaplin were chosen to fill their places.

4. It was decided to arrange for the election of a fresh S. F. C. in the Spring of next year - as ^{that} it will be the end of the two years term of office for the present Committee.

5. It was decided that in future there would be no Sept. number of the Plant; as most Students are busy holiday making - and it was difficult to get a good number at that time.

It was suggested that it would be a good plan if some uniform Exercise book - with a suitable cover - could be instituted for use in the P. N. S. C. The Secretary was asked to write to Miss Mason and see whether any thing could be done.

It was also suggested that articles dealing with Social Problems - Women's work and other important questions of the day - might well be introduced into the Plant. Particularly in reference to their connection with the work of Teachers.

M. W. Kitching -
March 8th /13

- The Exercise books were put in hand and are now to be obtained from the P. N. E. L. Office.
March 1913. A.F.

Meeting of the S. E. C.
held at 13 Chilworth Street - March 8th 1913.

Present Misses Kitching - Franklin - Davis -
Chaplin Gray -

1. The Minutes of last meeting were read.
2. In regard to the coming election of the S. E. C. it was decided that the voting papers should take the same form as in 1911 as they proved quite satisfactory. They are to be sent out on the April 25th and must reach Seale House by May 3rd so that the result may be announced at the "Students' Day" on May 8th.
3. It was decided to arrange for the "Students' Day" to be held on Thursday May 8th. The day next after the P. N. E. L. Conference - as there would be the chance of Students attending who are up for the Conference - it was thought

that even those in posts would be able to arrange to be free for the aft. or evening - or both. There would be two sessions - 2.30 - 4.30 followed by tea provided at a fixed charge and 7 - 10.

The Secretary was asked to make arrangements about a suitable room - either in the Canton Hall or elsewhere - and report to the Committee later.

It was suggested that it would be a good plan to ask Mr. Gibb and Miss Gray to come & give us their opinion of the children who have come to them from P. N. S. Schoolrooms as compared with those who have been taught on different lines. It was thought that this should give rise to an interesting & useful discussion.

Miss Smeeton wrote suggesting a discussion on the openings of special work for Students among working class children & the Secretary was asked to write and ask her to open such a discussion either by speech or paper. It was thought that the evening could be more "social" & less informal than the aft.

noon - and that opportunity could be made for a general discussion on various points resulting from the Conference -
(b) Suggestions for the 1914 Conference
(c) "Experience" talks on Scouting
or any point that any student wished particularly to bring forward.

It was left for the Secretary to draw up a more definite preliminary programme and to submit it for the approval of the Committee.

E. Hughes-Jones.

The programme on the leaflet was finally drawn up and about 40 students attended the meeting. A full account was published in the July number of the Plant.

The result of the Election of the Committee is also shown here.

A. Gray.

Ambleside Old Students' Association.

ANNUAL MEETING,

To be held at the Caxton Hall, Victoria Street, S.W., Thursday, May 8th, 1913.

PROGRAMME.

2.30—4.30 p.m. Chair to be taken by Miss E. C. ALLEN.

Short Addresses by **Miss GARDNER** (of Buckhurst Hill College) and **C. H. GIBBS, Esq.** (of Sloane Street), on their experience of P.N.E.U. children who go to them from P.U.S. Schoolrooms. To be followed by an open discussion.

A Paper by **Miss HARRIET SMEETON** on "Social Work among Working Class Children." To be followed by open discussion.

4.30 p.m. Tea supplied at 6d. per head.

7—10 p.m. SOCIAL EVENING.

Part of the evening will be set aside for—

- (a) Helpful hints and general discussion on various points raised during the P.N.E.U. Conference.
- (b) Suggestions for 1914 Conference.
- (c) Personal Experiences on Scouting.

R.S.V.P.—Miss GRAY.

5, Old Palace Lane, Richmond, Surrey.

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Letter to the A.O.S. Association.

DEAR FELLOW STUDENTS,

You may remember that when there is no Conference at Ambleside, an Annual Meeting of some kind is arranged for in Town. This year the Committee thought it would be a good plan to have a "Students' Day," following immediately on the P.N.E.U. Conference in May. So, as you will see from the enclosed Programme, we have hired a room at the Caxton Hall, on May 8th, at a cost of £2 2s., and we very much hope that the number of those who attend will justify us in taking such a step. Will all Students who hope to be present kindly send in their names to Miss GRAY, 5, Old Palace Lane, Richmond, Surrey, as soon as possible, so that she may make final arrangements for tea.

We also hope that a larger number of Voting Papers will be sent up to Ambleside than ever before, so that the new Committee may feel that they have really been elected by the whole of the Association. At the last Election only about eighty papers were sent in, and we should like this number to be very much exceeded this year, for there are now nearly 230 members.

Hoping to meet many of you on May 8th,

We are,

Yours very sincerely,

THE MEMBERS OF THE RETIRING
COMMITTEE.

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STUDENTS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
1913-1915.

	Votes.
C. M. Bernau	51
M. Conder	34
H. M. Fountain	33
Mrs. Hughes-Jones	58
L. Faunce	58
Mrs. Pringle	25
L. Stainton	10
M. E. Davis	61
F. W. Young	13
M. E. Franklin	62
O. Thorp	46
Mrs. Bellerby	33
J. R. Smith	76
D. Chaplin	70
Hon. Editor: H. E. Wix	94
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: L. Gray	96

There were 116 voting papers sent in. The students whose names are in heavy type constitute the new Committee.

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this house, in spite of the stucco front and the area steps and the bell marked "Servants," all telling of departed glory. The "cast off" house, like the cast off garment, is the resort of the dependent and submerged. I come out saying, "Poor little kiddy!" I must go back to the office about this and get them to telephone to the Metropolitan Asylums Board. The child has every sign of pneumonia with measles. The mother is out at work, and the only nurse is a small girl of 7. I shall make the landlord give them a new mattress. The family are paying 7s. for one room, and the furniture consists of a broken bedstead with *filthy* bedding, two chairs (one broken), and a rickety table. The dirt is a legacy from the last tenant, as this family only moved in two days ago. I must agitate for more systematic inspection of this class of furnished rooms. I wonder what the percentage of profit on that miserable furniture is—about 400 per cent. per annum at least! Ugh! that horrible bed. After the telephoning business we shall only have time for one more "notifiable disease," and then lunch, and meet Miss D. in Wardour Street.

(To be continued).

D. NESBITT.

Meeting of the S. E. C.
held at 13 Chilworth Street. Oct 18th 1913

Present. Mr. Hughes Jones - Misses Bernan - Frank.
Chaplin - J. R. Smith & Gray.

1. Mr. Hughes Jones was elected as Chairman of the Committee.
2. The Minutes of last meeting were read.
3. It was decided to hold the 1914 Conference at Antleside - Apr. 15th - Apr. 22nd. and to hire a room in the village in which to hold the meetings. The secretary was deputed to write to Miss Mason and tell her what had been decided and also to write to Miss Drury and ask her to enquire as to ^{the} cost of a room.
4. The following have been received as Subjects for Discussion.
 1. That a paper (by Miss Pennethorne or Miss Leslie) be read urging upon every student the duty of linking up the children she is teaching with a family or school less well off - Also that once a year, on a given date, an

account of each link be sent to the Editor of the Plant. so that she may, if she chooses - publish those that are helpful.

2. That a faithful friend - P. N. S. be asked to write a straight talk to students pointing out our strong & weak places -
3. That it should be discussed whether Grammae be removed from our programme or given as an alternate subject with Latin.
4. Home Education v. School.
5. How far formalism helps or hinders the growth of the Religious Spirit.
6. What life experience has taught us and how far theory fits facts in dealing with Children - not the child -
5. 7. Whether the Committee members should necessarily live near London -
8. On the possibility of doing the P. N. S. work while keeping to the time tables.

And Mr. Bellerby to fill the vacancies.
The various years would then have the following representatives :-

1892-5. Miss Bernan

5. Miss Franklin and Miss Chaplin have tendered
their resignation from the Committee, the
former through stress of work and the latter
from having accepted a post in Jamaica.
It was decided to ask Miss Macfarlane
and Mrs Bellerby to fill the vacancies.
The various years would then have the following
representatives :-

1892-5. Miss Berman

1896-7 Miss Gray.
 1898-1901 Mr. Hughes Jones
 1899-1900 Miss Wix.
 1902-1904 Miss Farnce
 1905-06 Miss Davis
 1907-08 Miss Macfarlane
 1909-10 Mr. Bellerby -
 1911-12 Miss J. R. Smith.

6. At the suggestion of Miss Jessie Smith it was decided to have a table for "Schoolroom Hints" - practical illustrations of things invented by Students & beautify their Schoolrooms and help in work generally; and that Students should be asked to send - on post cards - any hints or ideas they themselves have found useful - so that others might benefit by the same.

7. The next meeting was arranged for Nov 29th - the place to be decided on later.

G. H. Berman

Meeting of the S. S. C.
 held at 25 York St Chambers. Nov. 29th 1913

Present Misses Berman. Gray. Wix - Davis -
 Macfarlane. Bellerby & Smith.

1. The minutes of last meeting were read.
2. The whole business of the meeting ~~was~~ consisted in drawing up the general outline of the Conference programme. The Secretary reported that she had engaged the Lecture Hall of the Y. M. C. A. in which to hold the Conference at the cost of £2.10 for the four days. It was decided to issue Conference tickets at a charge of 2/6 each which was thought sufficient to cover the Hire of the Hall and of the many incidental expenses connected with the Conference. It was decided to accept Miss Mason's invitation to an evening reception on the Sat. night; & Sunday Aft. meditation and tea at Scaleton - & an entertainment by Present Students on Monday evening - and a Fancy Dress Dance on Tuesday evening.

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It was also decided to invite "Scale How" to an afternoon party at the Y.M.C.A. Hall on Sat. and that all Students - both past & present - and the Scale How Staff should join in a picnic to the Langdale - and the estimate of Mr. Harry Boys of the White Lion Hotel - to drive as there & back and provide tea at the Dungeon Glynn Hotel at 3/3 per head - was accepted.

3. One other subject for discussion was for the coming

"Whether the painter chosen for Picture Talk could follow ^{each other} to a more harmonious Sequence than at present.

4. It was suggested that a presentation should be made to Miss Mason - as a suitable way of celebrating the Coming of Age of the House of Education. This was decided on, and it was arranged that a leaflet should be circulated amongst the Students at the end of January asking for 2/- contributions and the authorities at Scale How were to be consulted as to the most suitable way of laying out the

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5, Old Palace Lane,
Richmond, Surrey.

DEAR FELLOW STUDENTS,

It has been suggested that a very suitable way of celebrating the "Coming of Age" of the House of Education would be to make a presentation to MISS MASON.

Naturally all Students, whether Members of the Association or not, will wish to participate in this, and the Committee thought that if each one contributed 2s. the sum total would be quite large, and could be spent on something that would be really acceptable to MISS MASON. We spent a long time talking the matter over at the last Committee Meeting, and decided to consult a "Local Committee," consisting of MISS WILLIAMS, MISS KITCHING, and MISS DRURY, as to the best means of expending the money. The choice will, of course, be influenced by the amount at our disposal, but we have fixed on a small subscription, hoping that the response will be universal, and that MISS MASON may feel that all have shared in the gift.

It is naturally most desirable that no rumour of this should reach MISS MASON, so may I suggest that no mention of it be made in the various Budgets. The presentation will be made after the Conference is over, as it would be much too trying for MISS MASON to go through it whilst we were all at Ambleside.

One other point, will you all send a good signature with your contributions (which I shall be glad to receive as soon as possible so that the matter may be put in hand) as I wish to collect them and paste them on to a sheet of paper that can be given to MISS MASON when the presentation is made.

Hoping for a warm and ready response.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

LILIAN GRAY.

money.

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5. The meeting was adjourned until Dec. 13th when the Committee were to continue the arrangement of the Programme. The meeting to be held again at 28 York St Chambers.

Miss Bernan

Meeting of the S. E. C.
held at 28 York St. Chambers. Dec. 13th 1913.

Present. Miss Bernan, Gray, ^{Fanner} Davis - Macfarlane,
Smith & Mr. Bellerby.

1. Miss Bernan took the chair in the absence of Mr. Hughes Jones.
2. The minutes of last meeting were read.
3. The Secretary reported that Miss Allen Miss Gray King had agreed to hold themselves responsible for the first part of the Entertainment & present Students on Sat afternoon.
4. The accompanying letter was approved of - re
5. The presentation to Miss Mason.
6. Various other suggestions were forth coming as suitable subjects for discussion, and after

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much consideration the following list was drawn up. Names of Students were suggested for each and the Secretary was left to write to these and report at the next meeting.

- *5. The Committee approved of the suggestion that there should be a "Conference motto" and the following was thought suitable:-
"Let Knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of Reverence in us dwell"

6 (cont.)

1. A straight talk to Students pointing out our strong and weak places.
2. A debate as to whether Grammar be removed from our programmes or given as an alternative subject with Latin.
3. Picture Talk, (a.) Whether the paintings chosen should follow each other in a more harmonious sequence than at present.
(b) as to the advisability of letting children reproduce for themselves the great works of the old masters.
4. Memory Training.

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5. A Musical Appreciation Class and hints as to how to take the Music Programme.
 6. French for Class III how to make languages interesting to children who dislike them.
 7. The advisability of a transition class between Ist and II.
 8. How to help untutored children to become truthful.
 9. Debate on which subjects are best left out of Class II programme when time is limited.
 10. How Past Students can keep in touch with the newest features of the training at Scaleston.
 11. The teaching of spelling other than by Dictation.
 12. The Montessori method: what helpful points may be gleaned from it.
 13. A debate on "Sport (not Sports)"
 14. How far can a boy working in the P. L. S. be prepared for School.
 15. An Association Talk.

E. Hughes Jones. (L.F.)

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Meeting of the S. E. C.
held at 28 York Street Chambers - Jan 24th 1914

Present Mr. Hughes Jones. Miss Bernan - Gray -
Wix - Davis - Macfarlane - and Smith

1. The minutes of last meeting were read.
2. The Secretary reported that the following have promised papers for the Conference -
(The numbers refer to the list on the opposite page.)

No. 2. P. M. Love to speak for retaining grammar.

Miss Allen - for removing it.

No. 3. Miss (Eleanor Frost.) Edith Frost

No. 4. F. Clendinning.

No. 5. Miss Cruise

No. 6. Miss Drury -

No. 11. Miss MacSheehy -

No. 12. Miss Stainton -

No. 13. A. M. Henderson - for Sport.

Miss Penmethorne - Against.

No. 15. Miss Parish.

Other names were suggested for other subjects
and it was hoped that all would be fixed

1. A straight talk to students, pointing out our strong and weak places.
2. As to whether grammar be removed from our programme, or given as an alternative subject to Latin.
3. Picture Talk from two or three standpoints.
4. Memory Training.
5. A Musical Appreciation Class, and hints as to how to take the music programme.
6. French for Class III., and how to make languages interesting to children who dislike them.
7. The advisability of a Transition Class between IB. and II.
8. How to help untruthful children to become truthful.
9. Which subjects are best left out of Class II. programme when time is limited.
10. How Past Students can keep in touch with the newest features of the training at Scale How.
11. The teaching of spelling other than by dictation.
12. The Montessori Method: What helpful points may be gleaned from it.
13. Sport (not sports).
14. How far can a boy working in the P.U.S. be prepared for school?
15. An Association talk.
16. The duty of every student to link up the children she is teaching with a family or school less well off than themselves.
17. Home Education v. School Education.
18. How far formalism helps or hinders a religious spirit.
19. What experience has taught us, and how far theory fits facts in dealing with children—not the child.
20. Whether Committee members should necessarily live near London.
21. The possibility of doing the P.U.S. work while keeping strictly to the time-tables.

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before the next meeting.

3. It was decided that Friday evening of the Conference should be given up to -

(1) Discussion on the Registration of Teachers.

(2) The Modern Woman - to be introduced by Mrs Hughes Jones -

4. It was decided that No 7 should be a discussion only - opened by Miss Berman.

5. It was also decided that Subjects 17 & 18 be left out - as giving no prospect of helpful discussion & that Miss Parish should be asked to embody No 1 & 16 in her Association Talk.

6. The meeting was adjourned to Feb 21st - at 3 p.m. - the meeting to be held at 13 Chilworth Street.

G. Berman

Meeting of the S. E. C.
held at 13 Chilworth Street. Feb. 21st 1914

Present. Misses Bernan Gray - Farness - Davis -
Macfarlane - Bellamy Smith.

1. Miss Bernan took the Chair in the absence of Mr. Hughes Jones.
2. The minutes of last meeting were read.
3. The Secretary reported as Writers of papers not previously settled.

No. 6.	Miss Evans
No 8	Miss A. P. Whittall.
No. 9.	Miss Kitching
No 14	Miss Maldea
No 19	Mr. Eoslemont
No 21	Misses Kitching & K. Cleudemann.

 No 20 was left to be discussed at the Association Meeting.
4. Various names were suggested for the post of Chairman and the Secretary was asked to write and make the necessary arrangements.
5. Each member was asked to bring to the next

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meeting a sketch of an "Address" that
could be given to Miss Mason & with the
Presentation.

6. The meeting was adjourned to March 17th
at 28 York Street Chambers at 3.45.

Since this meeting the Programme was
completed and with the sanction of
the Committee - was printed and
sent round with the March number
of the Magazine. A copy is inserted
here.

E. Hughes-Jones

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House of Education,
Ambleside.

24th February, 1914.

MY DEAR "BAIRN,"

It would give me very great pleasure
to see you at Scale How for the following
"Events" of your Conference:—

- (a) A Reception at Scale How on Saturday
evening, April 18th;
- (b) Meditations and Tea on Sunday, 19th;
- (c) A Fancy Dress Dance on Monday, 20th;
and
- (d) An evening Entertainment by the present
Students on Tuesday, 21st.

With much love,

Affectionately yours,

C. M. MASON.

R.S.V.P.

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Ambleside Old Students' Association.

Coming of Age Conference,

APRIL 16th—21st, 1914.

To be held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall, Ambleside.

Executive Committee:

Chairman: MRS. HUGHES-JONES.

Miss BERNAU.

Miss FAUNCE.

Miss DAVIS.

Miss MACFARLANE.

Mrs. BELLERBY.

Miss J. R. SMITH.

EX-OFFICIO—

Hon. Editor: Miss WIX.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Miss GRAY.

"Let Knowledge grow from more to more,
But more of Reverence in us dwell."

Tennyson.

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Conference Programme.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16th.

Morning: Chairman—Mrs. HUGHES-JONES.

- 9.30—10.0. Letter from Miss MASON.
 10.0—10.45. Over Seas Mail: Letters from Students abroad.
 11.0—11.45. No. 6. Miss EVANS.
 11.45—12.45. No. 4. Miss G. CLENDINNEN.

Afternoon: Chairman—Miss GOODE.

- 2.30—3.30. No. 21. Miss KITCHING and Miss K. CLENDINNEN.
 3.30—4.30. Suggestion Table and Handicrafts.

Evening: Chairman—Miss FLOWER.

- 8.0—10.0. Debate on Sport. *For*—Miss A. M. HENDERSON.
Against—Miss PENNETHORNE.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17th.

Morning: Chairman—Miss PENNETHORNE.

- 9.30—10.15. No. 3. Miss EDITH FROST.
 10.15—11.0. No. 14. Miss MALDEN.
 11.15—12.45. No. 12. Miss STANTON.

Afternoon: Chairman—Miss OLIVER.

- 2.30—3.30. No. 8. Miss A. P. WHITTALL.
 3.30—4.30. No. 19. Mrs. ESSLEMONT.

Evening: Chairman—Miss PARISH.

- 8.0—9.0. Registration of Teachers. Miss EVANS.
 9.0—10.0. (To be arranged later.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18th.

Morning: Chairman—Mrs. ESSLEMONT.

- 9.30—10.15. No. 11. Miss MacSHEEHY.
 10.15—11.0. No. 7. Miss BERNAU (Discussion only).
 11.15—12.45. No. 2. Miss LOWE.

Afternoon:

- 3.0—6.0. Old Students "At Home."

Evening:

- 8.0—10.0. Reception at Scale How.

MONDAY, APRIL 20th.

- Expedition to the Langdales.
 8.0—10.0. Fancy Dress Dance at Scale How.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 21st.

Morning: Chairman—Miss POLLARD.

- 9.30—10.15. No. 9. Miss KITCHING.
 10.15—11.0. Time for Subjects not on the Programme.
 11.15—12.45. Chairman—Miss KITCHING.

Association Meeting—"Talk" by Miss PARISH.

Afternoon: Chairman—Miss EDITH FROST.

- 2.30—3.30. No. 10. Miss DRURY and Miss CURRY.
 3.30—4.30. Musical Appreciation Class by Miss CRUSE.

Evening:

- 8.0—10.0. Entertainment by the "Seniors" at Scale How.

The numbers refer to the following Subjects:—

2. As to whether Grammar be removed from our programmes or given as an alternative subject to Latin.
3. Picture Talk from two or three standpoints.
4. Memory Training.
6. French for Class III. and how to make languages interesting to children who dislike them.
7. The advisability of a Transition Class between Ib. and II.
8. How to help untruthful children to become truthful.
9. Which subjects are best left out of Class II. programme when time is limited.
10. How Past Students can be kept in touch with the newest features in the training at Scale How.
11. The Teaching of Spelling—other than by Dictation.
12. The Montessori Method. What helpful points may be gleaned from it.
- 14.—How far can a boy working in the P.U.S. be prepared for school?
19. What experience has taught us, and how far theory fits facts in dealing with children—not *the* child.
21. The possibility of doing P.U.S. work while keeping strictly to the time tables.

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Rules of Procedure.

1. The meetings shall begin punctually at the time stated.
2. The time limit for readers of papers is twenty minutes. The time for speakers in discussion may be limited at the discretion of the Chairman according to the time at disposal. A warning bell will be rung, in the case of readers of papers five minutes, and in the case of speakers one minute, before the expiration of the allotted time. A second bell will be rung at its conclusion.
3. Each paper will be followed by a discussion. The reader of each paper will be allowed five minutes in which to reply, or longer if she has not used full time at the beginning.
4. Discussion must be relevant to the programme, and the ruling of the Chairman shall in all cases be final.
5. The Chairman shall at the end of each discussion frame a resolution that shall be put to the meeting summarising the various points raised.

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Meeting of the S.E.C.
held Thursday March 19th at 3.45
at 28 York Street Chambers.

Present Mrs Hughes Jones. Misses Berman - Gray
Tanner - Davis and Macfarlane.

1. The minutes of last meeting were read.
2. In reply to a letter from Miss Allen suggesting a Annael Morality Play for the Sat. aft. meeting at the Conference. it was decided that something of a lighter character would be more in keeping with the feelings of the audience.
3. A form of address to Miss Mason was approved of and is to be put before the Antislavery Conference for acceptance or alteration.
4. The subject of pictures for Scale How was discussed & drawn up - but as it was not thought suitable by the Local Committee at Scale How another meeting of the Committee was called for March 28th.

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Meeting of the S.E.C.
held Saturday - March 28th at 3 p.m.
at 28 York Street Chambers

Present Mrs Hughes Jones - Mr. Bellerby - Misses
Berman - Davis Gray.

The following details were settled in connection with the Coming of Age Presentation Fund.

1. To order a lamp for Miss Mason.
2. To set aside £7 for a personal gift to Miss Mason - the decision was at the Conference.
3. To spend the balance of £15 on pictures for Scale How. The following list was approved by the Local Committee and it was decided to give the order to Mansell so that as many as possible should be ready for the Conference.

Small pictures for Bedrooms

Fra Angelico - Annunciation

Christ in Limbo.

The Sermon on the Mount

Bellini

Madonna

<u>Boticelli</u>	Nativity. Vision of St Augustine.
<u>Carpaccio</u>	St Jerome in his Study.
<u>Durer</u>	Knight - Death & the Devil.
<u>Ghirlandajo</u>	The Visitation.
<u>Giotto</u>	Crucifixion. Spring The Presentation.
<u>Leonardo</u>	Virgin of the rocks
<u>Filippo Lippi</u>	Madonna & Child Annunciation.
<u>Filipino Lippi</u>	Vision of St Bernard.
<u>Limbo</u>	Christ & the Doctors.
<u>Meninge</u>	Christ - the Light of the World. Adoration of the Magi. Marriage of St Catherine.
<u>Perugino</u>	Madonna & Saints. Baptism.
<u>Raphael</u>	Deliverance of St Peter.
<u>Rembrandt</u>	Christ blessing little children Jacob blessing Ephraim & Manasseh Moses's Sacrifice. The Prodigal Son.
<u>Murillo</u>	Christ & St John

Velasquez

Osop

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The Suenenda of Breda

The Tapestry weavers

At the House of Martha

For this Mason. Van Eyck's Adoration of the Lamb
Rembrandt's Supper at Emmaus

Large pictures for the House.

Da Angelico

Crucifixion

Botticelli

Fortitude.

Caraccio

Presentation in the Temple

Giotto

Poverty.

Raphael

Transfiguration

Sistine Madonna in Medici Print.

The Last Supper in colour - 10/6 size.

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SCALE HOW,

June 3rd, 1914.

MY VERY DEAR FRIENDS,

Thank you very much indeed for the wealth of good things you have bestowed upon the "House" (and upon me!). A beloved friend of ours whom many of you knew (Mrs. Dallas Yorke) used to call this the "House Beautiful"; you have done a great deal to make it worthy of the title. How I wish you could have seen us revelling in a whole gallery of delightful pictures on that Sunday afternoon when they were displayed for the first time. Your secret had been kept until the Address arrived, and of that I shall speak presently.

We hardly knew which to admire most, the exquisite Medici reproductions, or the forty or more admirable carbon prints in their pleasing frames, illustrating about a dozen great masters. Before I knew your idea I rather wondered where so many could hang, and was delighted when I heard of your happy thought of a bedside picture for every Student, the San Marco idea even if we have no "Blessed" Brother (or Sister) to paint for each of us an original picture.

It was dear of you, too, to have a show for the present Students, and to tell them your plan; to make them feel, in fact, that this was a gift from you to them and to all future Students.

I come in by your wish for a Benjamin's portion — two of the bedroom pictures, and the two you have chosen are specially dear to me,—Rembrandt's "At Evening" and Van Eyck's "The Adoration of the Lamb." These I look at most often, but each picture in every room is a delight (and a gift) to me.

Thank you, too, for the charming lamp, with the thoughtful and useful addition of a branch-bracket for the wall to which the lamp can be transferred. It will be very useful.

Even more delightful in a different way is that exquisite piece of illumination, the accompanying address, so gracefully worded and so delicately felt, and setting forth in the lovely

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lines of Wordsworth what your College-home is to you. I do not say "was," because as you tell me, in words not your own, what you find here is a continual possession to you.

I wish you could see Miss Owen's beautiful lettering and fairy-like illumination, all representative of the things we care for here, — dragonflies and water avens, pimpernel, ladybird, a score of tiny flowers and radiant creatures woven into a lace-like border for the inscription—with a cover as beautifully designed and painted.

Your gift is enhanced by the loving labours of your Committee, and I treasure a little book of signatures put together with great care by your Hon. Sec.

Nor is this all; I hear of other delightful things in contemplation to beautify what you call "our dear Scale How," and I wish I could let you know how much we all thank you and delight in your thought for us, and with what loving thanks and appreciation I receive all these evidences of your love and loyalty on the occasion of our coming of age.

Always, my dear "Bairns,"

Your very affectionate friend,

CHARLOTTE M. MASON.

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DEAR EX-STUDENTS,

We thank you most heartily for your magnificent gift to the House of the pictures. They are giving us an enormous amount of pleasure in every part of the house where they are now hung. The Seniors are especially grateful for such a help in studying Tuscan art next term.

You will be interested to hear of the destinations of the pictures. The Sistine Madonna has been hung in the Classroom in the place of Mr. Rooper's portrait. It looks extremely well, facing the door. Da Vinci's "Last Supper" is hung in the Dining-room on the left-hand side of Miss Mason's portrait. Two of the Rembrandts are in the S.M.'s-room, and two of the Carpaccios in the J.M.'s. The remainder are in the other bedrooms. The owners of the pictures are so proud of them that bedrooms are no longer to be known by such names as the "slums," but as "The Carpaccio Room," etc.

We had two exhibitions, one for the Students in the Drawing-room on half-term Sunday, and one for the children. Their interest and delight in the pictures proved the intense value of their picture-talks. They were so appreciative of all the pictures, and especially enjoyed finding some much-studied favourite among the collection.

Again thanking you in the name of all the present Students, and of those who will follow us in after years, for such a precious possession,

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

EMILY M. SOMERVILLE.

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REPORT OF THE
Presentation to Miss Mason.
1914.

STUDENTS will be glad to know that there was a very general response to the appeal for subscriptions towards a Presentation to celebrate the Coming-of-age of the House of Education, and in all £26 12s. was collected. There was, naturally, much debate as to how the money should be spent, and it was decided to spend about £15 on pictures for Scale How. The choice of pictures was a somewhat difficult matter, but with the valuable help of those at Scale How the following list was decided on, the idea being that there should be one to hang over each of the thirty-two beds, two specially for Miss Mason, and the others for the house generally. With the exception of the Sistine "Madonna" and "The Last Supper" all are carbon prints, framed in stained oak.

FRA ANGELICO...	"The Annunciation."
	"The Crucifixion."
	"Christ in Limbo."
	"The Sermon on the Mount."
BELLINI	"Madonna."
BOTTICELLI	"The Nativity."
	"Fortitude."
	"Vision of St. Augustine."
CARPACCIO	"St. Jerome in his Study."
	"Presentation in the Temple."
DÜRER	"Knight—Death and the Devil."
GHIRLANDAJO	"The Visitation."
GIOTTO	"The Crucifixion."
	"Poverty."
	"Spring."
	"The Presentation."

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LEONARDO ...	"The Virgin of the Rocks."
FILIPPO LIPPI ...	"Madonna and Child."
	"Annunciation."
FILIPINO LIPPI	"Vision of St. Bernard."
LUINI ...	"Christ and the Doctors."
MEMLING ...	"Christ, the Light of the World."
	"Adoration of the Magi."
	"Marriage of St. Catherine."
MURILLO ...	"St. John and Christ."
PERUGINO ...	"Virgin Adoring the Infant Christ."
	"Baptism."
RAPHAEL ...	"Deliverance of St. Peter."
	"The Transfiguration."
REMBRANDT ...	"Christ Blessing Little Children."
	"Supper at Emmaus."
	"Jacob Blessing Ephraim and Manesseh."
	"Manoah's Sacrifice."
	"The Prodigal Son."
VAN EYCK...	"The Adoration of the Lamb."
VELASQUEZ ...	"Æsop."
	"The Surrender of Breda."
	"The Tapestry Weavers."
	"At the House of Martha."

The Sistine "Madonna" is a Medici print, and is quite a large picture, and "The Last Supper" is also in colour—a beautiful reproduction—smaller than the Medici print of the same picture. Several of these reached Ambleside in time to be on view at Rothay Holme on the afternoon of the Old Students' "At Home."

£3 10s. has been spent on a lamp for Miss Mason's own use—one that can either stand on a table or fit into a wall bracket, and we hope that it will prove useful as well as ornamental.

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This part of the Presentation has already been given to Miss Mason, together with an address most beautifully illuminated by Miss Owen—a real work of art well repaying a long and minute study—and a book of the signatures of all subscribers.

It was suggested at the Conference that the balance of the money should be spent on a "Della Robbia" replica for Scale How, and it was a great help to be able to submit the suggestion to Miss Mason, together with a catalogue of the reproductions, and to leave the choice of subject and position to her. She has chosen three to be placed side by side over the heating apparatus in the hall, the outer ones of children singing and the centre one a "Madonna and Child." It may be some little time before these are actually fixed, but the order will be put in hand at once. There may possibly be an inscription of some sort placed underneath, but that is a detail that can be decided later on. Meantime, as will be seen from the accompanying letters from Miss Mason and the Present Students, the pictures are all hung and are giving an immense amount of pleasure; and the Committee hope that all subscribers will feel satisfied with the way the money has been spent.

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CONFERENCE BALANCE SHEET.

Received.	£	s.	d.	Paid Away.	£	s.	d.
79 Conference tickets at 2/6 ...	9	17	6	Hire of hall ...	2	10	0
14 week-end tickets at 1/6 ...	1	1	0	Caretaker ...	0	5	0
70 drive tickets, at 2/6 ...	8	15	0	Scale How maids	1	10	0
74 tea tickets at 1/3 ...	4	12	6	Tea at Rothay			
Odd tickets and programmes ...	0	3	3	Holme—butter, tea, & milk, 5/-			
				Jackson's, 12/-	1	16	6
				Walton's, 10/6			
				Bread & sugar, 2/-			
				Crockery (hire of) 7/-			
				Drive to Dungeon			
				Ghyll ...	8	15	0
				Tea at hotel (110 at 9d.) ...	4	2	6
				P.p.cs, stamps, & carriage of goods	0	9	9
				250 Conference programmes	0	12	0
				250 copies of Miss Mason's letter...	0	5	0
				100 tea tickets ...	0	2	6
				100 Conference tickets ...	0	2	6
				50 drive tickets ...	0	2	0
					20	12	9
				Balance to Ass. Funds ...	3	16	6
	£24	9	3		£24	9	3

LILIAN GRAY, Hon. Treasurer.

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THE CONFERENCE.

The Editor believes she is voicing the general opinion in saying that this Conference has been one of the most successful, perhaps even *the* most successful, ever held. The weather, of sufficient importance surely to be placed first, was perfection. The papers were each so interesting that the Editor's task of squeezing them into the PLANT—not endlessly elastic, alas!—has been really hopeless. Several papers have been entirely omitted, to appear later on. Others have suffered from the "blue pencil," but such an unwilling pencil! But it is to be hoped that this number may still contain something of the bright, inspiring, enthusiastic spirit which animated our Conference, may reflect some of the glow of that wonderful week.

Miss Harriet Smeeton writes that she wishes to make "some slight acknowledgement to the Committee who so successfully managed the Conference." She has most kindly given to the P.N.E.U. Library Mr. Burrell's book on the art of reading, which many of us have wanted to read. We shall now have the opportunity, and shall best show our thanks to Miss Smeeton for her very kind gift by borrowing the book with what speed we may.

Telegrams of congratulation were received from four students in Western Canada, Misses Williams, Brooks, Biggar, and Haggie, from Miss Faunce, Miss Nield, Miss Hall, and Mrs. Pyper. A most kind letter was also received from Mr. Parez. Postcards of Scale How and the Garden were sent in reply to each of the kind people who had remembered us.

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LIST OF STUDENTS PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE.

J. Y. Aitken.	L. Gray.	F. Rankin.
G. Aldridge.	B. M. Goode.	K. M. Robotham.
F. M. Adcock.	M. Gibson.	M. Ruston.
G. M. Bernau.	M. Good.	D. Rohde.
D. Brownell.	M. Gladding.	El. Smith.
I. E. Brown.	C. E. Henderson.	H. M. Stubbs.
A. G. Biggar.	W. S. Henderson.	Mrs. Hall.
M. Baines.	D. Humfrey.	H. Smeeton.
G. Bell.	A. M. Henderson.	L. Stainton.
D. J. Bradford.	F. Judd.	Hilda Smeeton.
L. E. Clendinnen.	M. W. Kitching.	C. Strachan.
K. Clendinnen.	M. King.	M. Sharman.
G. Clendinnen.	M. S. Lobjoit.	Mrs. Esslemont.
C. Cooper.	H. Lundblad.	O. Thorp.
D. Chalmers.	O. M. Lowe.	A. M. Trembeth.
L. Channing Pearce.	R. Lowe.	A. G. Roffe.
A. C. Cuscaden.	E. S. Mence.	J. R. Smith.
V. C. Curry.	J. Macfarlane.	M. Spelman.
I. D. Cooke.	L. McDonald.	F. M. Truman.
A. M. Drury.	D. E. Norris.	M. Vine.
M. E. Davis.	G. Newman.	Mrs. Hughes Jones.
C. H. Davidson.	M. J. B. Millar.	H. E. Wix.
M. M. East.	T. S. Malden.	A. P. Whittall.
D. Edmonds.	B. Moffatt.	M. D. Whittall.
G. Flewker.	D. M. Oliver.	E. F. A. Winter.
E. E. Flower.	F. Other.	P. D. Wilkinson.
M. E. Franklin.	N. Openshaw.	M. Wilkinson.
Edith Frost.	R. A. Pennethorne.	F. W. Young.
El. Frost.	E. A. Parish.	
D. I. Feiling.	H. E. Pollard.	

The Conference was held in accordance with the foregoing programme and inserted here is a copy of the Balance Sheet. and also the list of those Students who attended.

The Presentation Pictures arrived just in time to be on view at Rothay House on the Saturday afternoon and they were presented to Sale How about three weeks late - together with a beautifully illuminated address kindly done for us by Miss Owen.

It was decided that the present P. S. C. should remain in office till the next Conference - so the next "General Election" will take place in April 1916.

G. J. Gorman -

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Meeting of the S. E. C. held at
8 Chemis St Chambers. Jan. 30th 1915.

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1. Miss Berman was in the Chair owing to the
absence of Mrs. Hughes Jones.

* Those present Mr. Bellerby - Miss Berman -
Davis - Macfarlane - Smith & Gray.

2. The foregoing notes were read instead of
the usual minutes.

3. Owing to her marriage and future residence
away from town - Miss Davis had to
resign her place on the Committee. We are
very sorry to lose her and shall miss her
help at the meetings. Miss Young - and
filling her. Miss Stainton - was elected to
fill the vacancy and we hope she will agree
to do so.

3.4 Miss Gray said that she would shortly
be moving away from Richmond and
would no longer be able to attend the

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meetings in town as hitherto. The Committee
saw no reason why she should not continue
in her present position if so and suggested
the appointment of an Assistant Secretary
who could be present at the meetings and
help with the work. Miss Young's name
was suggested and we very much hope
that she will consent to fill the post.

5. We closed the meeting by giving Miss Davis
a copy of da Vinci's Last Supper - as a
small token of our good wishes and of our
appreciation of her many years service
on the Committee.

Miss Young has consented to take the
place of Miss Davis (now Mrs. Brittlebank)
on the Committee - and also to act
as Assistant Secretary.

July. 1915

3, St. David's Avenue,

Bexhill, Sussex.

DEAR FELLOW-STUDENTS,

The year is creeping on, and we have been thinking over the matter of the next conference, which would, in the ordinary course of things, have been held next Easter. But the war still continues, and we feel that if the coming winter is to be a repetition of the last, there will be no leisure in which to prepare a programme, and that our money will be so badly needed in other channels that we should hardly be justified in spending it in this way. Even should the actual fighting be over before the winter, there will still be much to do, and much help will be required for many a long day. The 1914 Conference was a great success after waiting the extra year, and I see no reason why the next one should not be the same; and if we wait until life resumes a more normal course we shall be able to throw ourselves whole-heartedly into the planning of it.

Under the circumstances the S.E.C. feel that they are taking the right step in postponing the conference for a year. No doubt this will come as a fresh idea to many, and possibly even as somewhat of a shock, but we feel sure we are acting for the best, and I think that if students will honestly think the matter over in their own minds, setting personal inclination aside, that they will come to the same conclusion.

So let us all look forward to doing our share when the time comes towards making the 1917 Conference a huge success, and, meantime, let us direct the energies that would have been put into conference work through the winter into the many other channels where help is so badly needed. We have heard a good deal during the P.N.E.U. Conference about the privileges of living in war-time, and possibly this decision will leave us freer to realize these privileges and to live up to them as best we may. Hoping that you will all have happy holidays, I am, yours sincerely,

LILIAN GRAY (Hon. Sec.). (Written on behalf of the S.E.C.)

It was not found practicable to hold a meeting of the S.E.C. in May or June - so that the business had to be arranged by Correspondence. All the Committee members felt that a Conference would be rather ill timed with the war still on and all the agreed to the letter on the foregoing page that was accordingly published in the July Magazine -

Inserted is also a short notice of the "At Home" kindly given by Mrs Franklin during the P.N.E.U. Conference held at the G. M. C. A. Headquarters in June - which was attended by quite a good number of Students - and once more we feel that our grateful thanks are due to Mrs Franklin for her kindness & hospitality.

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Meeting of the S. E. C.
held at 27 Craven Road. June 3rd 1916.

Members present - Misses Berman - Macfarlane
Young and Gray.

It had been decided to hold our Annual Meeting during the P. N. E. C. Conference at Bedford College in July. and Miss Parish has been of the greatest assistance to us. She suggested that the afternoon of July 4th should be the Students' afternoon, when the Conference members should be present and that there should be informal discussions on various subjects - e.g.

1. Special teaching of little boys to fit them for Preparatory schools -

2. Fairy stories

3. Writing

4. Numbers

5. Picture Talk. and she also made other delightful suggestions. We felt that we could not do better than leave her to make arrangements & most grateful to her

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for all her labours on our behalf. The time at our disposal after tea, when we should be quite alone, we thought best to leave free for talk.

A note was received from Miss Farness apologising for her absence and sending in her resignation. This made a second vacancy to fill up as Miss Janet Smith had resigned previously - a new post taking her right away from London. We hope that Miss Claxton will join the Committee in her place, and that either Mr. Eslemont or Miss W. Kitching will come on in the place of Miss Farness.

A suggestion was received from Miss Parish as to a way in which we as Students could show our gratitude to those students whose husbands have been killed in the war. But we felt that at present it was premature to attempt to memorize the war in any way - and that peace must reign before anything in that direction could be thought about.

Since writing the above both Mr. Eslemont & Miss Claxton have become members of the S. E. C.

Shirley Berman
25.10.16

Meeting of the S. E. C.
held at 8 Chemin St Chambers.
October 25th 1916

(Miss Bernan in the Chair)

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read.
2. Notes were read from Miss Wix & W. E. Hughes Jr & Miss Young regretting their absence.
3. The question of the next Students' Conference next came up and we felt that this time it should be put to the vote of the Students themselves and it was decided to print a leaflet to be distributed with the Nov. Magazine asking Students to state what they think of the matter. (A copy of the leaflet is enclosed here)
4. A letter was received from Miss Macfarlane resigning her post as Editor of the Children's Quarterly. The names of Miss Parist - Miss Harriet Smeeton & Miss Edith P. Frost were suggested as being suitable & the Secretary was asked to write to them in the above order.
5. The question of collecting the Subscriptions was discussed & it was decided that

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in future the names of those students who were one year behind with their subscriptions should be printed in the Jan. magazine.

6. A report was read from Miss Mason telling of the result of the conference held with the Elementary school teachers as to the possibility of working the P. U. S. in those schools & telling what has already been done.

Members present - Mr. Esslemont - Mr. Bellefleur
Misses Beaman - Gray & Claxton.
Sturtevant -

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Ambleside Old Students' Association.

STUDENTS' CONFERENCE.

The question of a Students' Conference next Spring has been engaging the attention of the S.E.C., and we—the members of the S.E.C.—feel that the holding of it, or the postponing of it till the War is over, should be decided this time by the Students themselves. So we have drawn up the following questions, and shall be grateful if all Students will answer them and send their opinions on the various points raised as soon as possible, so that we may have some idea of the wishes of Students in the matter. Please return the papers to Miss Gray by December 1st.

1. Are you in favour of a Students' Conference being held during the War?
2. Are you in favour of one being held next Spring?
3. If so:—(a) Where should it be held—in Ambleside or London?
(b) How long should it last?
(c) Is it likely that you could attend?

Name:

Home Address:

Post Address (correct for Jan. 1917):

Meeting of the S. E. C. held at
27 Craven Road - Dec 2nd 1916 at 2.30

Miss Berman in the chair. Members present
Misses Berman - Young - Claxton & Gray.

1. The minutes of last meeting were read.
2. The Secretary reported that Miss Parson's agreed to become editor of the Children's Quarterly if she had a "C" to work with. Miss Haines-Smeeton has practically agreed to help Miss Parson with the work.
3. The result of the voting Papers - re a Students' Conference was - For an Ambleside Conf. 47
For a London Conference 39
Against a Conference next Spring. 39.
It was therefore decided to hold a Conference at Ambleside after next Easter - the date to be settled to fit in with the School holidays.
4. It was decided that the Conference should last from Friday to Tuesday & should be planned with as little ^{simple} expense as possible with a view to minimising expense.